

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-17 are pending in this application. Non-elected claims 6-11 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 13 are amended and claims 2 and 14 are canceled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the original claims. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Interview

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiners Sykes and Ortiz at the interview held September 22, 2010, are appreciated. Applicants appreciate the indication in the Interview Summary mailed September 27, 2010 that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, the independent claims are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 and 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,641,572 to Yoshimura ("Yoshimura") in view of Morgan Tutorial. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 14 are canceled, rendering the rejection as to those claims moot. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 1 and 13 are amended to incorporate the subject matter that was identified on the record as being allowable. See Interview Summary mailed September 27, 2010. Specifically, claims 1 and 13 are amended to recite "a proportion of polyphenylene sulfide relative to the reinforcing fibers is 0.002 to 0.009" percent by weight.

As acknowledged in the Interview Summary mailed September 27, 2010, the applied references do not render obvious or establish any reason or rationale to provide such features.

Furthermore, as acknowledged in the Interview Summary mailed September 27, 2010, Applicants have successfully shown criticality for "a proportion of polyphenylene sulfide relative to the reinforcing fibers is 0.002 to 0.009" percent by weight, as recited in claims 1 and 13.

For at least these reasons, claims 1 and 13 and the claims dependent therefrom would not have been rendered obvious by the applied references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

III. Rejoinder

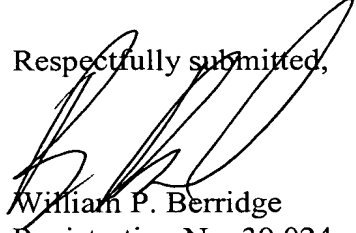
Applicants also respectfully request rejoinder of non-elected process claims 6-11. By this Amendment, claim 6 is amended to include the allowable subject matter that is also incorporated in claims 1 and 13. Where product and process claims are presented in the same application, Applicants may be called upon under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect claims to either the product or process. MPEP §821.04. However, in the case of an elected product claim, rejoinder will be permitted when a product claim is found allowable and the withdrawn process claim depends from or otherwise includes all the limitations of an allowed product claim. *Id.* Because process claims 6-11 include all the limitations of the independent product claims, the process claims 6-11 must be rejoined with the product claims when the product claims are found allowable. Because the product claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons presented above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and rejoinder of claims 6-11.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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